done by the villagers themselves and for which no grant was necessary and there were certain other items for which a grant from Government was really necessary, such as masonry drains, culverts, etc. It was only for items of the latter type that Government grants were intended to be sanctioned, and in the nature of things the grant could reach only a certain number of villages. The practice of free weekly labour was in vogue for the past 20 years. This practice should be kept up, and it was wonderful how much work could be done unaided in this way alone. However, Government were aware that there was need for help from the State Funds also and, in deference to the wishes of the House, they would sympathetically consider the request for an enhanced grant for rural development.

Mr. B. NARAYANA REDDY requested that orders should be issued by Government to the effect that free weekly labour should be enforced in all cases.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH withdrew the resolution in the light of the sympathetic reply of Government.

The resolution was thereupon withdrawn by leave of the House.

The House then adjourned for the day to meet again at 8 a.m. on the following day. (There was no sitting in the afternoon, as per request of the members, on account of His Highness the Maharaja's Cup Sweep.)

SIXTH DAY.

Sunday, 7th June 1936.

The Assembly reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Sunday, 7th June 1936, at 8 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., *Dewan*) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*contd.*).

Jayamangali Project.

Q.—24. **Messrs. G. RAMIAH** and **K. SIDDALINGAPPA** (Koratagere Taluk), and **R. CHENNIGARAMIAH** (Minorities).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) have raiyats presented a petition for the construction of a tank by putting up a dam across the Jayamangali River flowing above Yelerampur Village, Koratagere Taluk;

(*b*) has it been ordered thereon that the raiyats should pay contribution;

(*c*) have *mutchalikas*, etc., been obtained from the raiyats;

(*d*) has any further action been taken on this and were not many gardens of Sankenahalli, etc., destroyed on account of the heavy overflow of the *halla* on these gardens?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** (**Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar**).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The raiyats have given *mutchalikas* agreeing to contribute at Rs. 125 per acre.

(*d*) A project amounting to Rs. 3,39,500 for the construction of the tank has been prepared. Some gardens of Sankenahalli suffered damage due to overflow of water in the stream.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Has this project been sanctioned? Are not the raiyats praying for a long time that it should be taken up?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I do not think it will be sanctioned now. The estimate is high and the return expected is very low.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—What is the *atchkat*?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—One thousand acres. The return will be Rs. 4,600 which works out to 2 per cent on the outlay to Government.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Are the Government aware that 50 or 60 villages in that part of the State have no tanks?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The need for the project is recognised, but it is unremunerative.

Mr. Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA.—What contribution should the raiyats pay to enable the Government to take up the project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That has not been calculated. It may be about Rs. 250 per acre.

Mr. Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA.—If the people should agree to pay enhanced contribution which the Government might ask, would they take up the project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—We may consider it.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—As the Government are aware of the difficulties of the raiyats, do they not consider it expedient to take up the project though the return is not very high?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Government have their own difficulties in the way of accepting that suggestion.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Government have just floated a new loan. Why not they utilise a portion of it for this project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It will result in loss to Government. They will have to pay interest at the rate of 3½ per cent whereas the return from this project will be only 2 per cent.

Mr. B. CHAMIAH.—When was the estimate for this project prepared?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Eight or ten years ago.

Mr. G. KANCHAPPA.—If 3 per cent return would satisfy Government, the raiyats would be prepared to enhance their contribution to that extent. Will the Government take up the project under such conditions?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The suggestion will be considered.

Tanks and their Atchkats.

Q.—25. Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH (Sira Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether representations are brought to their notice frequently that the *atchkats* under tanks are generally more than the normal capacity of the tanks, resulting in poor yield and causing loss to the *atchkatdars*;

(*b*) if so, what are the arrangements made to improve the economic condition of the raiyats;

(*c*) has the number of such tanks in the State been determined?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) Yes. Cases of such tanks are now and then brought to notice.

(*b*) Suitable relief is being given as far as possible, depending on the merits of each case.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.—With reference to answer to sub-section (*a*), is not a list maintained in each district showing the number of tanks and their *atchkats*?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—There is a list.

Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.—Will not the Revenue Department consult the Engineering Department before increasing the *atchkat* under any tank?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes, they do.

Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.—Has it come to the notice of Government that under certain tanks the *atchkat* is several times more than the capacity of the tanks would warrant?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No.

Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.—If such cases are brought to notice, will Government examine them and give relief to the raiyats?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Each case will be considered on its merits.

Mr. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH.—With reference to answer to sub-section (*b*), what exactly are the items of relief given to the raiyats?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Conversion of wet lands into dry and increased supply of water to lands by restoring tanks, raising the waste-weirs, etc.

Mr. H. M. CHENNABASAPPA.—Is it not necessary that the *atchkats* should be re-fixed with reference to the present capacity of each tank?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—In no case